

Federal Highway Administration
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
Sunport Boulevard Extension: Broadway Boulevard to Interstate 25 and
Woodward Road Improvements: Second Street to Broadway Boulevard
Final Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction
Control Numbers (CN): A300160 and A300161

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the Selected Build Alternative for the Sunport Boulevard Extension: Broadway Boulevard to Interstate 25 (CN A300160) and Woodward Road Improvements: Second Street to Broadway Boulevard (CN A300161) in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, will result in no significant impact to the human or natural environment. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve transportation system connectivity, enhance local access and circulation, balance traffic volumes and provide congestion relief on the regional transportation network, improve multimodal transportation service, and provide better emergency vehicle access. The project is in the southwest quadrant of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and consists of an extension of Sunport Boulevard from its current terminus at Interstate 25 (I-25) to the Broadway Boulevard/Woodward Road intersection, and to improve Woodward Road along its existing alignment from Broadway Boulevard to Second Street. The current Sunport Boulevard Extension and Woodward Road Improvements are included in the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, and in the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT's) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP identifies funding for both projects, totaling \$18,892,980 for the Sunport Boulevard Extension and \$4,782,641 for the Woodward Road Improvements.

Local community concerns and input were sought and addressed to the extent practical during the preliminary design and planning of the project. The Selected Build Alternative consists of the following major elements:

- The Sunport Boulevard Extension Project would consist of a four-lane median-divided urban arterial roadway from the intersection of Broadway Boulevard and Woodward Road east to the existing interchange of Sunport Boulevard and I-25 for approximately 0.5 mile. The roadway would contain twin bridges over the existing Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority South Diversion Channel. Traffic signals would be constructed at the intersections of Sunport Boulevard and I-25 northbound and southbound interstate ramps. Bike lanes and sidewalks would be included on both sides of the roadway connecting Broadway Boulevard to the east side of the interchange.
- The Woodward Road Improvements would consist of a three-lane configuration with two travel lanes, a continuous left-turn lane, two bike lanes, standard curb and gutter, and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The proposed improvements would extend approximately 0.58 mile. A traffic signal would be constructed at the intersection of Second Street and Woodward Road.

This FONSI is based on the Environmental Assessment (EA), Input Synopsis, and FONSI Request prepared by Bernalillo County in collaboration with the NMDOT. These documents have been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the project need, environmental issues and impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA, signed on May 8, 2018. The EA, Input Synopsis, and FONSI Request provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

This FONSI provides final authorization for final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for the project.


FHW New Mexico Division Administrator

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